

### **REMARKS**

Applicant's attorney would like to thank patent Examiner Naresh Vig for his time and courtesy extended during a telephone interview initiated by the Examiner on May 13, 2009.

During the interview, the Examiner requested that additional features be added to Claim 1 to more specifically define the interaction of the collaboration center and the rest of the information modules. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to more specifically define the information modules and the interaction of the collaboration center and individual collaborations with the various information modules.

The Amendments to claim 1 have full support in the original specification and drawings as follows:

“Providing project documents to be stored, and displayed in...” has antecedent basis in paragraph 140.

“Providing the collaboration center... with the capability of receiving documents and updating the document information modules with the documents” has antecedent basis in paragraph 140 and 197.

“Providing the collaboration center...with the capability of defining tasks as an action plan” has antecedent basis in the “action” box in Fig. 20 and in paragraph 198.

Updating the project tasks information module with the individual tasks in the individual collaboration has antecedent basis in paragraphs 127, 174, 198 and Fig. 20.

The capability of closing the collaboration to an archive state has antecedent basis in paragraphs 212 and 200.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in claim 1, and all of the other claims which depend from claim 1 is clearly defined in the claims. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance; a notice of which is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that further revisions are necessary to claim 1 or any other claim, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney to discuss any proposed claim revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG BASILE HANLON  
MacFARLANE & HELMHOLDT, P.C.

/William M. Hanlon, Jr./

William M. Hanlon, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 28422  
248-649-3333

3001 West Big Beaver Road  
Suite 624  
Troy, Michigan 48084-3107  
Dated: May 19, 2009  
WMH/caw